REMARKS/CLAIM STATUS

Original Claims 1-19 are pending.

Claim 20 is cancelled without prejudice.

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REMARKS/RESPONSE

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of Claims 1-19.

Claim 20 is newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner has failed to provide any reasons why the Examiner feels Claim 20 is indefinite or whether this claim would be allowable over the art of record if the alleged indefiniteness is corrected. Applicant respectfully submits Claim 20 is definite as originally filed but in order to advance the instant application to issue, Applicant has cancelled Claim 20 herein without prejudice.

Applicant submits the instant application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. If there are any other issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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